Nov. 16, 1928.

Mrs. Mary Greene Wilson,
Douglasville, Texas.

My dear Cousin Mary:

I have waited a long, long time to write and I am really ashamed now to do so, but I guess it is getting time to do so. It has been about three years now, lacking three or four days, since I saw you personally.

I noticed that the great state of Texas went for Hoover. I am glad that Georgia remained in the Democratic column. I know Governor Smith personally, and I have seen Hoover, but have never been introduced to him. Smith would have made a much better president than Hoover, for the reason that the people in the South never get anything from a Republican president. Agriculture never prospers under a Republican administration. As a cotton manufacturer, I am naturally pleased with the Republican tariff, but when I look around and find all of my friends and neighbors, who are farmers, loosing all they have made during the past fifteen to twenty-five years, I am forced to sympathize with the man on the farm and back in the rural districts.

Durward and Annie Reid, as you know, are living in Athens. He accepted the presidency of the Southern Cotton Mills, of Athens, Georgia, last January, so his beautiful red brick home here that cost in the neighborhood of $50,000.00 to erect is not occupied, except as they come back every two or three months. We bought a very substantial interest in the mill. The home still remains furnished and all they have to do is to walk in and turn on the lights and water; but they will never live in Barnesville anymore. I do not want these children raised in a small town, for the reason that there is nothing anymore in the agricultural sections no matter where located to bring about prosperity and superior advantages to the population growing up.

Little Jessie is away from home the bulk of the time visiting or something like that. She is not satisfied in a small town since her graduation at Shorter College and her musical course in Chicago.

Mrs. Collier, her name is "Jessie" also, of course, stays close by all the while. She visits Durward occasionally, and quite frequently there are just two of us on the hill. Evelyn, you know, married Mr. Cason, who is in the Rayon manufacturing business in Barnesville, and they live next door north of my home, and Durward's home is next door south, or one on each side.

The Rayon mill is very busy, operating night and day at present,

but we are having rather a tough time over at Athens to keep the merchandise sold up. The warehouse at present is full of goods, and Durward is in Akron, Detroit, and Chicago this week doing his best to move the quarter of a million dollars worth of merchandise that we have on hand in the warehouse.

We are trying to sell the mill over at Eatonton, as it is out of the way. Durward first expected to move to Eatonton, but the opportunity opened up over at Athens, which was much better for him as well as myself, so we sent him to Athens. Eatonton is one of the old towns located in Putnam County, Georgia, and I do not wish to live there. In fact I would not live in Eatonton if the whole county was given to me. This county is where Thomas Bass Greene and Anne Wyche were married in 1812, which stands of record on the Ordinary's book at Eatonton in Putnam County; likewise Robert Collier and Martha Marshall Booker were married in this same section on May 1st, 1806, so it is quite historical.

I have an enormous amount of data on the Collier family. I am likewise a member of the Sons of the Revolution, both on the Greene and Collier side. Would you like for your boys to join the S.A.R.'s if they are not already members? If so, I can send them the Greene data which will take them right in.

Would you not like to join the D.A.R.'s? Little Jessie joined on both the Greene and Collier records, and Mrs. Collier, or the older Jessie, joined on the Stephens record. Annie Reid, or Mrs. D. C. Collier, joined on the Moon and McCarity records.

Durward's three children are very interesting. I trust to send you a photograph shortly. Robert Cuthbert, the little boy, is a wonder.

Evelyn has the second baby, a little girl named Evelyn, and I will have herelikewise send you a photograph.

Evelyn Stewart and Mrs. Floyd S. Corbin leave about the 10th of December for a tour of the world to be gone eight or nine months, sailing from New York. Durward was in New York last week, he and Annie Reid, and Mrs. Corbin was very nice to them. Durward will be in New York City again next week. We borrow a great deal of money in New York and do our banking there, which makes it necessary to make frequent trips, and business is likewise dull.

Fannie Greene and her husband, Mr. Compton, are still living at West Palm Beach, Florida. They were up here this Summer. Annie and Jim Greene are still living at the old homestead in Upson County near Thomaston; likewise Charlie Law and her boys. I see them once or twice a year.

I trust that Tom and Edna and Jim and his wife are quite well; also that beautiful daughter of yours and Dr. Witte. Give them all my love and accept the same for yourself.

With sincere regards and good wishes, I beg to remain

Yours most devotedly,